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HOUSERULE CHANGE 1. VOTING. I will be printing LSD's houserules in an upcoming issue. Several changes have been made since the last edition was published in January 1983. Before I do I want to get some input from current and potential players. Pending unanimous agreement of the players, I would like to report numerical vote outcomes instead of simple pass/fail results. This has been considered once before. Several players objected, so the subject was dropped. I think it deserves more discussion and hereby call for a vote. Knowing that an E/T draw proposal among five remaining players yielded 1 vote for, 2 against, 1 NVR might enliven negotiations and press. If the result were 1 for, 3 against, it might affect the alliance structure, to say the least. Please vote with your orders. If all the players agree to the change, the rule would not take effect until after the turn is adjudicated. Comments are also wanted from players and other subbers.

HOUSERULE CHANGE 2. DELAY OF GAME. It is in everyone's interest that games flow smoothly. Players benefit from the continuity of expeditiously run games and pubbers get livelier press, fewer NMRs, and lower publishing costs. So separations should not be granted capriciously, and LSD HRs require two requests for a separation to be granted. Implicit is the right of the GM to declare a separation when it appears necessary. There are valid reasons for delays, though. It's the GM's duty to stop everything if a GM error is discovered and players don't have enough negotiating time based on the correction. Sometimes slowing the game is beneficial to the mental health of the players. In a recent phone conversation an LSD reader was complaining about the hassle of writing conditional orders in a game (another zine) where numerous retreats and adjustments complicate the picture. He pointed out that if, as in LSD, two requests for separating seasons are necessary, he could not be absolutely

positive another player would supply the second request. Therefore he must figure out all the conditionals anyway! Several possible solutions to the harried player's problem came up. GM could anticipate the sticky situation and declare a separation beforehand, in the current game report. GM could notify players if a separation request were granted. The criterion could be lowered to one request or if retreats and adjustments reached a given critical number. No proposal yet, but I would like to hear from the players. Do you have this problem? (Don't GMs who run games with prophetic retreats and builds avoid this whole problem? And don't players who don't want problems with complex prophecies avoid such games?)

M-GAME WAITS FOR PLAYERS. We still don't have a full complement of players for LSD's last game. Albrecht and Pierce have paid their gamefees. Albrecht, Gallagher, and Tinker have submitted preference lists. I have not heard from the others on the waiting list. Therefore I am confirming that Albrecht, Gallagher, Pierce, and Tinker for the M-game. (Don and Joe - I'll take your money now, thank you very much.) Last chance for Fritz, Smith, and Tatsch (or Mayes): if I have not heard from you by next deadline, I assume you're not interested. Anyone else who wants to play should let me know and send along a preference list (optional). I'm chafing at the bit (like a mustang?) to get this game started.

CARUSO MASCOT POLL. So far I have received two nominations for Diplomacy Mascot: Andy Lischett renominated Bob the extinct Moa (he finished 22nd in a field of 22 candidates in the first election), and Ed Wrobel's cat Jaspur is also in the running. Remember the nominating deadline is September 15. Nominees will appear in LSD#38 where balloting procedures will be outlined.

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**ANGLO-RUSSO BATTLE DUE MORE ARMS;
AUSTRIA REJECTS ITALIAN SLURS**

- > Please note the correct year is 1904. 
- > Last season two units were mislabeled. England had F Nwy-SWE, and Germany had A Kie u, h.
- > Autumn 1904: Germany dsb dislodged F Den.
- > Winter 1904: England builds F Edi & A Lpl; France builds A Par; Italy removes A Tus; Austria builds A Vie; Russia builds F Stp(sc).
- > Two players request separation of seasons. I will use spring orders on hand unless you update them.
- > HOUSE RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL: See Roundup.
- > PRESS--[sensitive items reserved for S'05]

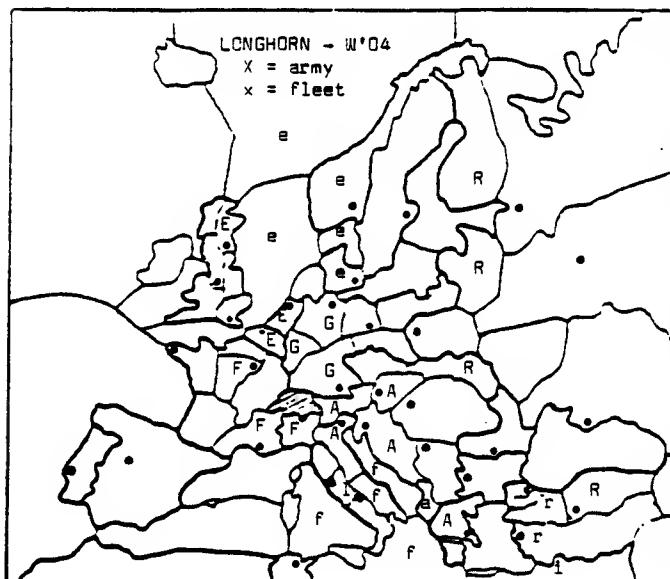
ENGLAND-GERMANY: Clausewitz said, "War is nothing but the continuation of policy with other means." By inference we can see that war can be ended by the correct policy.

LSD-ENGLAND: Your Minister of Correspondence should get together with your Minister of Handwriting.

SETH-MIKE: Sorry about Caruso. My condolences.

AUSTRIA-ITALY: I certainly would enjoy Venice if I had it, but I don't. As for throwing the game, that's your opinion. I didn't know that there was only one way to play: the Mark Luedi way or none at all. Well, excuse me! I'll play the game as I see fit, and if that means kicking some Italian butt, then so be it. I'm having fun, are you?

LSD-GREAT POWERS: More press, please.



RUNESTONE POLL RESULTS. Congratulations and a "Hey-hey-hey!" to EUROPA EXPRESS and Gary Coughlan for a third straight top showing in the 8th annual Runestone (Leader) Zine Poll. John Daly of Dogs of War won the GM Poll, and has been in the top two for the past three years now. Way to go, John! I've played under John and 2nd ranking Andy Lischett, and concur that they are the best. The zines I enjoy and read regularly were ranked as follows:

1. EUROPA EXPRESS
2. DIPLOMACY WORLD
34. DIPLOMACY DIGEST
35. CHEESECAKE
36. HOUSE OF LORDS
39. EVERYTHING

LSD tied for 44th out of 51, and I did not even make the main list of GMs. I would be bothered if I didn't believe I probably deserved relatively low scores. Looking at the list triggers a couple of thoughts. Although LSD was ranked near the bottom, it had some good company. I expected my faves to rank much higher. I also realized I must be pretty much out of the mainstream. I've sampled THE PRINCE and THIRTY MILES OF BAD ROAD (4 and 5, respectively) and agree they deserve their high rank. VOICE OF DOOM (12) is also one of my old favorites which I've not read lately for some reason (probably cause I couldn't afford it at Brux's pubbing frequency). Maybe it's time to expand my reading material? It's also curious to me that in Scott Hanson's Freshman Poll HOL was ranked 1st! Interesting discrepancy, no? Complete results of the Runestone Poll should be available from Randolph Smyth, 212 SE Aberdeen, Medicine Hat, Alberta, CANADA T1A 0R1 for a self-addressed envelope and thirty-seven cents (no stamps).

ZORKING MY LIFE AWAY. About three weeks ago a friend laid Zork I, II, and III on me. Since then I've spent far too much time in the Great Underground Empire. It took me about two weeks to complete the first part of the trilogy, and I'm about halfway through the second. The maze is giving me problems. By dropping objects in the various rooms I discovered it has nine rooms, but so far I can't figure out how they are related. It would also be nice to get the Wizard's wand.

PLUG. I really enjoyed reading Mark Luedi's account of DipCon in THIRTY MILES OF BAD ROAD, which included pix of some hobby notables who attended. Variant and regular games, humor, news, filled up the rest of the 20-page digest zine. Ten issues of TMOR are yours for \$5, but a sample only costs you a 20-cent stamp. Write to Mark at PO Box 2424, Bloomington, IN 47402.

MISSING PERSON. Does anyone know the whereabouts of George Cunningham? The last several issues of LSD have been returned as not deliverable.

STANDBY LIST. For the second straight issue no standbys were needed. Thanks anyway to Byrne, Fritz, Jurkowski, Mayes, Meinel, Pierce, Quinn, and Tinker for offering to help keep the games running smoothly. Please let me know if you want off the list. Other volunteers are also welcome.

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S 1908

ANGLO-ITALIAN ALLIANCE AXED;
AUSTRIA STRUGGLES FOR SURVIVAL

- > Red-faced apologies for the recycled headlines in last seasons reports. Please note the correct date above.
- > All three draw proposals were rejected.
- > Autumn 1907: Austria ret dsl A Sil-Bol.
- > Winter 1907: England builds F Lon, A Edi; Germany declines a build [plays 1 short]; Italy builds F Rom, A Ven; Austria removes A Rum.

ENGLAND (David Pierce): F Alb h [dsl, ann], A MUN s German A Sil, A BUR s A Mun, A Lvn-WAR, A Mos-UKR (A SEV s), A Sto-MOS, A Nwy-STP, F BOT h, A Edi-NWY (F NTH c), F Nwg-NAT, F Lon-ENG.

GERMANY (Terry Suitor): F BAL h, A War-GAL (A SIL s).

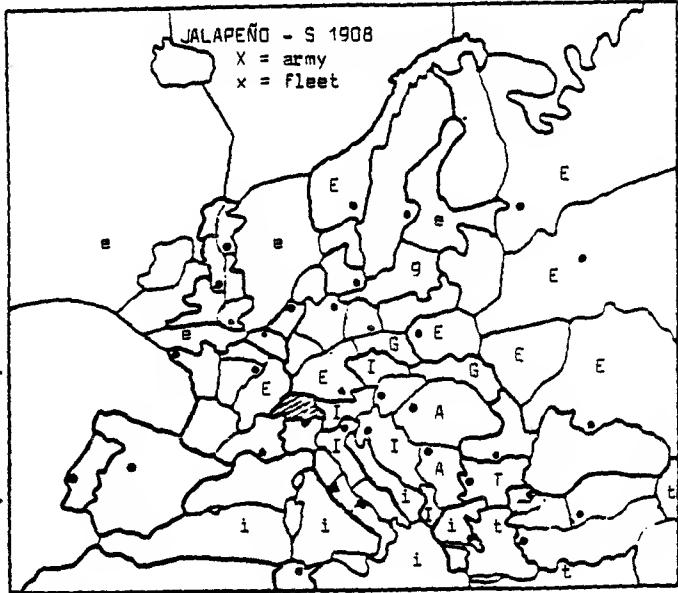
ITALY (Gregg Fritz): F Tun-WES, F Rom-TRH, A Vie-BCH (A TYC s), A TRI-Vie, A VEN-Tri, A Apu-ALB (F ADR c, F GRE & F ION s).

AUSTRIA (Bryan Jurkowski): A BUD-Via (A SER s [imp]), A Boh-Mun [dsl, ann].

TURKEY (Dick Martin): A BUL s Italian A Tri-Ser [sol], F AEG s A Bul, F EAS s F Aeg, F Bla-ARM.

- > PROPOSALS: E, G, I, A, T, E/I. Votes counted before next season, but of course you must vote with your orders, or live with the results.
- > HOUSERULE CHANGE PROPOSAL: See Roundup.
- > PRESS--

AUSTRIA-ROME: I have been busy, Greg, I will get a letter to you soon.
TURKEY-AUSTRIA: Hi, Bryan. Actually, I'm not too disappointed in missing the early



stages of this game. At least this isn't my fault! It's hard enough when I'm under attack from all sides, but to do it while playing 2 short is ridiculous. You could do me one favor though: no more jokes, please!

LSD-AUSTRIA: Spoilsport!

AUSTRIA-TURK: Because you are such a nice guy, Dick, I'll give you Rum. If you can beat the bloody Enlish Dog there first.

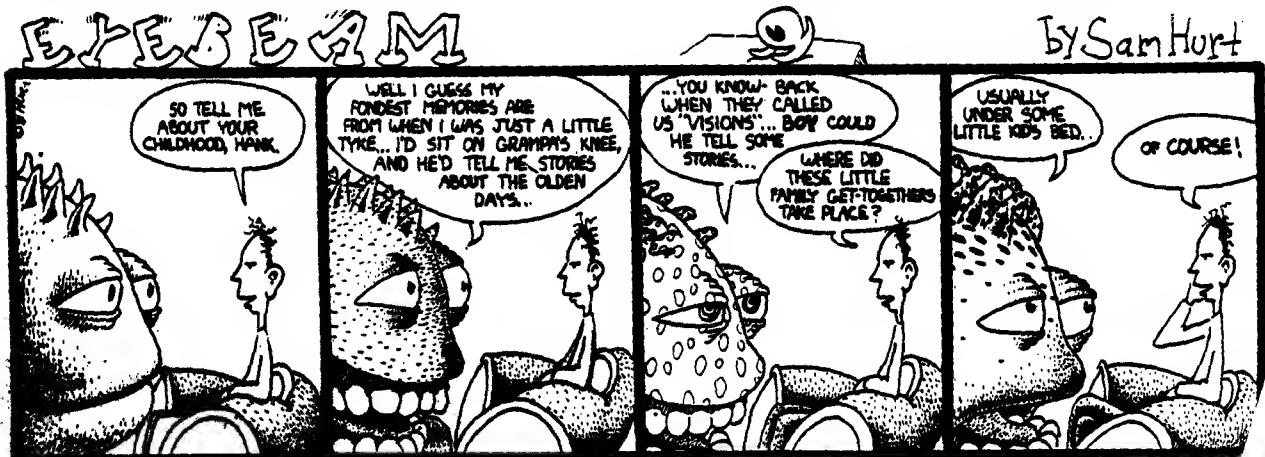
TURKEY: Don't blame me, I voted for E/I. Somebody else will have to veto this one.

AUSTRIA-GERMANY: Just think what could have been. Whatever happened to that G/A alliance you promised in S'01?

AUSTRIA-EUROPE: What? End this game now? May it never be so. I am going to win this one for Caruso!

AUSTRIA-ENGLAND: I'll vote no to the draw to give you a better chance to stab Greg for the win. Or Greg you, either way!

By Sam Hurt



DEADLINE for all LSD games: September 26, 1984



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RUSSIA FOOTS THE BILL FOR ANGLO-ITALIAN NEW YEAR'S PARTY

> Summer 1906: Russia ret dsl
 A Stp-Nwy; Turkey ret dsl
 A Ank-Smy.



> All draw proposals were defeated.

ENGLAND (Don Schieffler): A Yor-Nwy
 (F NTH c, F STP(nc) & F SWE s), F DEN s
 F Swe, A Mos-WAR.

FRANCE (Conrad Minshall): A Pic-BEL s
 (F ENG s), A BUR-Ruh, A Par-PIC, F Gas-MID.

GERMANY (Paul Milewski): A Bel-Hol (dsd,
 ann), A KIE-Hol, A MUN h (A RUM s).

ITALY (Bill Quinn): A Gal-SIL, A Vie-GAL,
 A Tyo-BOH, A Bul-RUM (A BUD & A SER s),
 A Tri-TYO, F TUN-Ion, F Aeg-BUL(sc).i

RUSSIA (Fred Winter): A PIN-Swe (A Nwy s
 [dsd, ann]), A Rum-Con [dsd, ret to Sev,
 Ukr, or dsb] (A ANK s, F BLA c).

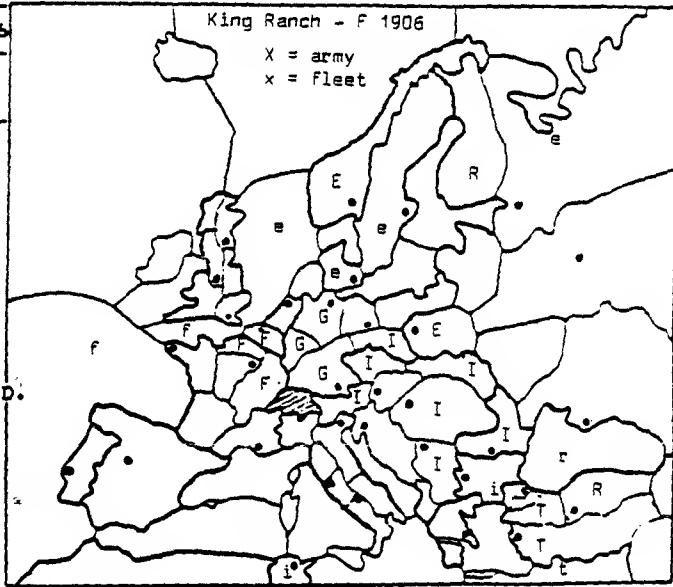
TURKEY (Seth Owen): A SMY-Ank (A CON s),
 F EAS-Ion.

> Russia must retreat dsl A Rum.

> HOUSERULE CHANGE PROPOSAL: See Roundup.

> SUPPLY CENTER STATUS for W'06 adjustments:

E: Home, Den, Nwy, SWE, Mos, WAR, STP	9/build 3
F: Home, Spa, Por, BEL	6/build 1
G: Home, Bel, Hol	4/add 1 [2 ann]
I: Home, Tun, Tri, Vie, BUD, Ger, RUM, Gre, Bul	11/build 2
R: Sev, War, Stp, Rum, Bud, Swe, ANK	2/zap 2 [2 ann]
T: Con, Smy, Ank	2/zap 1



> PRESS--

TURKEY-WESTERN POWERS: Note how close Italy is to running away with this game. Neither Russia nor myself are well poised to counter the green wave. In short, help us to help yourselves.

BERLIN-PARIS: You speak as if I am the appetizer and you are the after-dinner mint. Au contraire, mon ami. Both of us are tidbits for the Anglo-Italian smorgasbord. They're not interested in a hearty Jollo sandwich with a side of whipped cream. To these guys your provincial boundaries are just like dotted lines on a diagram of a steer in a butcher shop.

SOMEWHERE IN TEXAS: Q: How do you know when an Aggie's been using your word processor? A: There's whiteout all over the screen.

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